

A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special covenant meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Baptized followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal, feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper. We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you you would prefer that option.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

A Prayer Searching for the Truth: Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus: Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin: Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith): Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

Announcements

Texas A&M Veritas Form Thursday Conversation with Dr. Karen Swallow Prior

This Thursday at 7pm at Rudder Theater, The Christian Faculty Network and Ratio Christi will be hosting a seminar entitled: "(Re)Considering Faith: How to Navigate Doubt Amidst the Chaos)." Dr. Prior is Research Professor of English & Christianity, & Culture at South-Eastern Baptist Seminary.

About the Talk: College students can and should examine their core beliefs about meaning and purpose to see if it's more than just an inherited belief system. Students frequently take their beliefs apart ("deconstruction"), but struggle to put those beliefs back together. This is especially true in the context of American Christianity, where the lines between the historic Christian faith and our cultural, religious expressions can be blurry and frustrating. Dr. Prior will walk us through the process of navigating doubt and deconstruction in a healthy way, so that our core beliefs can handle the hard questions.

Tickets are free, but you need to reserve a spot to get in. Go to <https://tx.ag/veritas22>.

The First Sunday of the Month is Fellowship Sunday!

Save the date, and make plans now to gather together with the community of Mercy Hill Church on the first Sunday of the month after the service.

February 6th, we'll gather at Jimmy & Jana Rourk's house at 1pm for good food and a time to catch up with one another, deepen friendships and make new ones. That means we want you to come! Please bring some food to share. Address: 1394 Seamist Lane, College Station.

www.MercyHillBCS.org

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Welcome!
We're really glad you're here with us today.

Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a skeptic looking for answers, or someone who is struggling to make sense of life and simply looking for a caring community, you are warmly welcome here. We are delighted you came this morning!

God Invites Us Into His Presence To Worship Together

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”
— Psalm 150:6 —

The Invitation

From Psalm 63

Song of Praise & Worship

“Sing to the King”

God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

“Have mercy on me, O God....”
— Psalm 51:1 —

The Invitation

Matthew 11:28-30

A Moment for Silent
Confession & Reflection

Song of Confession & Repentance

“Jesus I Come (Out of My Bondage)”

The Words of the Gospel

Hebrews 12:1-2

Song of Response

“Show Us Christ”

God Gives Us His Words Of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life!”*
— The Gospel of John 6:68 —

“Kingdom-Minded Shrewdness” The Gospel of Luke 16:1-15

Current Series: “The Gospel of Luke:
Good News of Great Joy for All the People”

God Receives Our Offerings

*“I appeal to you..., by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*
— Romans 12:1 —

The Giving of our Offerings

A Moment of Reflection as We Prepare
to Join Together at the Lord’s Table

God Invites Us To Gather Together At The Lord’s Table

*“People will come from the east and west and
north and south, and will take their places
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*
~ The Gospel of Luke 13:29 ~

The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,
please see the back panel.

Song of Response & Celebration

“Behold the Lamb”

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

“The Lord bless you and keep you....”
— Numbers 6:24-26 —

The Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

Notes: